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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS STONE TO ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley appointed **Raymond Stone** of Kittrell to the N.C. Energy Policy Council.

Stone is the retired founding president of Sandhills Community College and currently serves as a Franklin County Commissioner. He is a charter member of the N.C. College Foundation and is a U.S. Navy World War II veteran. Stone is a recipient of the I.E. Ready Award from the State Board of Community Colleges and the Thomas Peters National Leadership Award given by President George H.W. Bush. He received his bachelor's degree in history and government from Wake Forest University and his master's and doctorate degrees in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The council reviews the availability of reasonably priced energy resources for economic development and the availability of natural gas in currently unserved areas of the state. The council promotes the development of alternative and renewable fuels, reviews new federal legislation and proposed energy taxes and revises existing state energy policy recommendations. There are 18 members on the council, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints nine members.

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